

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 20TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will call the meeting to order. Meetings are accessible to the public through Comcast Channel 4, City of Kankakee YouTube Channel and the City of Kankakee Website. We will move on to prayer by Pastor Kelly Anthony from Faith Deliverance Teaching Center and move on to the Pledge of Allegiance led by the City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Item 4 Public Comments we don't have any this evening. We have a full agenda tonight. I am going to remove Item 13E which is a Resolution Adopting a Flex Services Agreement for Real-Time Gunfire Analysis Between Shotspotter and the City of Kankakee. Burt and the chief advise me that we are still working through some of the legal language. We will bring it back, so we'll take that one off that's Item 13E, and we'll bring that back at a later date. Moving on to Item 5 Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT: Faford
(13) Present (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item B Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS: **PRESENT:** Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, Odelson, Schiel, Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Schmitz, Hoffman, Brewer-Watson.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item 6A Minutes from Monday June 15th, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion or edits on the minutes? All in favor, Aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed, same sign? Minutes are approved. Item 6B Monday, July 6th, 2020 those minutes will be provided at a later date as noted on the agenda. Item 7 Petitions we have none. Moving on Item 8 Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Kankakee Development Corporation is requesting Street Closure of the 100 and 200 Blocks of South Schuyler Avenue to Host the “Sunset Stroll” on Saturday, August 15th, 2020, From 3:00 P.M. until 11:00 P. M.

ITEM 8B: Second Baptist Church, 717 North Wildwood Avenue, is Requesting Street Closure of the Alley Behind the Church and East Mulberry Street from that Alley to the Corner of North Evergreen Avenue to Host their “95th” Church Anniversary” on Saturday, August 15th, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M., and on Sunday August 16th, 2020, From 7:00 A. M. until 8:00 P.M.

ITEM 8C: Community Church of Holiness, 481 North Harrison Avenue, is Requesting Street Closure of the Alley Behind the Church and A Noise Permit to Host Their “Park and Praise Outreach Service” on Saturday, August 1st, 2020 Through Sunday, August, 2, 2020, and/or Saturday, August 8, 2020 through Sunday, August 9, 2020, on Saturday Starting at 3:00 P.M. and on Sunday Starting at 1:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: If there are no objections I like to combine Items, 8A, 8B and 8C. May I have a motion to approve.

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderwoman Marshall. Any discussion on any of those items? Hearing none, all in favor?

COUNCIL:

Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed, same sign? Motion for Items 8A, 8B and 8C are approved. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 9A:

Economic Development – Alderman Tetter
The meeting was held Thursday, May 28th, 2020
Highlights include: There were several items that were discussed. The Director reported information regarding unemployment claims that were submitted, we added three new businesses (*inaudible*), five development projects and currently working three retail to multi use developments. Ricky Rockets is still a work in progress and we're working on the downtown design. We are still working towards our economic development agency's budget, and we've had three potential Craft Growers, apply for state licenses that are interested in locating in the city. Adjourned at 6:11P. M.

ITEM 9B:

License & Franchise: - Alderman Curtis
The meeting was held Thursday, June 4th, 2020
Highlights include: We had four 4 pages of minutes. The final liquor ordinance revision. There were approximately 22 items that we went over and the consensus of the committee came back. Those changes throughout the section were then forwarded on to legal, and there is on the agenda tonight for adoption. That was the only thing we worked at that meeting.

ITEM 9C:

Budget – Alderman O'Brien
The meeting was held Monday, June 8th, 2020
Highlights include: The majority of the meeting was spent focusing on preparation of the budget for the 2021 fiscal year. At that point we were looking at a deficit of approximately 1.6 million. We also discussed the possibility of issuing bonds, refinancing a number of bonds that are currently at a higher rate than the current market, as well as issuing new money. There was a presentation regarding the Ricky Rockets development and how that was potentially expanding beyond the original footprint. Comptroller Kubal reviewed briefly the May financial packet, as well. That was it.

ITEM 9D:

Ordinance – Alderman Tall

The meeting was held Thursday, June 23rd, 2020

Highlights include: There was a proposal for the (*inaudible*) of employees. There was no action. It will be reviewed at a later date. New business. There was an ordinance (*inaudible*) meeting was the ordinance chapter 10 parking and loading requirements. We also passed that on to the council in the past at the last meeting. And then there was a discussion about the dangerous animals which will be on our next agenda.

ITEM 9E:

Budget Special Meeting– Alderman O’Brien

The meeting was held Monday, June 29th, 2020

Highlights include: We talked largely about the refinancing of bonds again as well, and the possibility of new money. The estimate we received was savings of approximately 800,000 by refinancing. So, there's significant savings as well. City attorney Burt Odelson us and updated us on the change on the insurance carrier for the city. That would say, result in savings of approximately \$100,000 in premium costs that reported that was moving ahead in the budget itself we looked at, we were at that point a deficit of approximately \$1.1 million. Then Comptroller Kubal also did an overview high level review of the expense reports. As of that month.

ITEM 9F:

Community Development – Alderman Curtis chaired the meeting in the absence of Alderwoman Swanson

The meeting was held Monday, July 6th, 2020

Highlights include: Introduced to the committee as a new Community Outreach Coordinator for CDA. She reported that we had 3 events in the month of June that they were able to attend: Juneteenth, Still I Rise, and a meeting with Speckman Realtors. About 390 people attended those events with 22 completing surveys and 12 signing up for more information. Barbi updated on some of our programs and grants. The Homebuyers program is down to \$5,000 available there's 4 closings in the month of June, with 2 pending and 3 people waiting to take the homebuyers class. We discussed land acquisitions and the land bank. We were updated on the census, and provided a link where to look at different regions within the city to see where the reporting levels are. ECDA received about \$25,000 for promotion of the census. Additionally, another \$15,000 is expected from the Mayoral Caucus and the Mayor's office received

\$10,000 from National League of Cities to help promote the census. Under old business, we talked about the Bounce Back Program, they had over 272 residential applications received, 50 submitted all have already submitted and all the required documentation, 98 were deemed eligible. Basically, it might have been they didn't have a hardship or something of that nature to qualify, and the remaining needs to be reviewed or have a one on one interview. The program for the residential program can help about 100 people. The strong neighborhood house is moving forward. The school district is making repairs this month. It was also reported that R3 grant applications are due by July 20th. There was no executive session, and that's a report for that meeting.

ITEM 9G:

Public Safety – Alderman Brown

The meeting was held Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

Highlights include: First of all, the meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. Public Comment was given by the Theodis Pace, President of the NAACP gave us an update on the 10 Shared principles that we adopted along with the Kankakee County Sheriff and in the County Sheriff Chiefs Association. He also gives update on the Kankakee County Community Crises response team, and he talked about the 8 Can't Wait Initiative, as well as, the upcoming Kankakee County Chief meeting scheduled for the 23rd. On the police side, bills were submitted in the amount of \$3,034.05 cents, those bills approved by voice vote. The overtime was up slightly, because of the officer's injuries; reflected by 8 officers that was off. Part 1 crime index was down a little, but the part two was slightly up. There was 115 traffic citation for June, due to the traffic officers being signed, to other duties because of those injured. That was one most (*inaudible*) and 19 (*inaudible*) ordinance and 14 (*inaudible*) issued. Shots Fired calls slightly increased for the month of June 2020 to 47 from 38. And then the Shots fired cases slightly increased to 18 from 16. We also reviewed the Shotspotter contract which was committed, the amount the grant applied for was for \$49,500, and you can read...it will cover a particular area, and then they can respond accurately 90% of the time, and as well as it can be integrated with a wide range of other third-party applications such as CAD Ram, License Plate Reader and other applications. And that was a motion by Alderwoman Gall and second by Mike Prude that we are that we approve the agreement and send to council, after legal review. He

also gave us a breakdown and a summary of the 8 Can't Wait Recommendations which Kankakee Police already banded choke holds. He discussed the requirement for de-escalation, requirement for warnings before shooting, *(inaudible)* application, required alternative before shooting, duty to intervene, required use of continuous in the required comprehensive report. He also discussed the police and fire commission promotion exam which was tabled until another date. On the fire side, bills were \$13,009.18 cents but he surely would do better this coming month. The bill will prove a voice vote, and the overtime for the month will show a little higher cost of manpower shortage that was to officers injured, and he gave a report of fire response fire by ward quarterly report summary. The upcoming public education program because there is no school it had been cancelled. He listed all the inspections and the fire training schedule. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P. M.

ITEM 9H:

License & Franchise – Alderman Curtis

The meeting was held Thursday, July 9th, 2020

Highlights include: Under Old business. We reviewed the final draft of their Liquor Code amendment Alderman Fairford found one little tweak that needs to be done that was submitted back to legal with a correction, and again, that'll be on the agenda for discussion and vote tonight.

The committee also under Old Business we had tabled this for a while, while we worked on the Liquor Code amendment. There was a question about whether a limo company should fall into a taxi company and needing a special use permit or is it just a business license that they need. We took no action that night. Alderman Brown mentioned he thinks there's a difference between having a taxi with a meter versus anything in the ordinances about Uber or Lyft ride sharing. We will continue as ongoing discussions to see about updating that section. Under New Business, it was brought up that the committee discussed the peddler, and solicitation licenses with opening back up a little bit. We've got people coming in and asking for those licenses, but there was no action taken. Again, we discussed is this the right time to have people knocking on doors for business with the COVID-19 situation? We referred to legal and asked for their opinion and we'll keep that under Old Business going forward. There was no executive session and that was the end of the meeting.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Item 10 Report of Officers. May I have a motion to pay our bills?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I motion we pay the bills in the amount of \$487,096.85

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion on any of the bills?

ALD OSENGA: Check #76638 in the amount of \$535.00?

CHIEF SCHULDT: That is for one of our fire fighters for... Fire Fighter Education.

ALD OSENGA: Check #1196 Newman Signs.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I believe that's for MFT, correct Neil? Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes mayor, that's what it is.

ALD OSENGA: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're Welcome. Any other discussion? Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: Check #76651 for Indian Meadows?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Indian Meadows? That's for the agreement that we have for Property Tax Reimbursement.

ALD TETTER: That's what I thought. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes, that's perfectly correct

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, anybody else? Alright, then we'll go to a Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall (*abstain on checks #76635 & #3025*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(11) Ayes (2) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11 Unfinished Business we have none. Is Raimondo here? Okay, I think there's some guests here to support him so I'm going to skip down to Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution of the Council of the city of Kankakee Expressing Appreciation to John R. Raimondo upon his Retirement.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Sargent Raimondo announced that he will be retiring July 31st of this year after 30 years of service with the City of Kankakee Police Department and Chief if you can come up at this time and the family. *(Mayor reads Resolution)* Motion to approve.

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. All in favor, aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Resolution approved. Congratulations to you!

SARGENT RAIMONDO: For those of you that know me, I really don't need a mic. The only thing I'm going to say is, it's been a great career. There will be a lot of you missed. Thank you to the city of Kankakee, and the citizens of Kankakee. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Moving onto Item 12A under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 12A: Ordinance Amending Section 31-148 "Duplicate Emblem" of Article XI "Video Gaming Terminal Ownership Tax" of Chapter 31 "Taxation" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee *(1st & 2nd Reading)*.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We had someone that misplaced their decals and the ordinance wasn't really clear on the replacement fee per sticker. So, the language just updates it to say per sticker.

May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD TALL: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Again, just clarifying that as per sticker. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12B.

ITEM 12B: Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$26,850,000 General Obligation Bonds for the Purpose of Financing Certain Capital Improvements Within Said City and Refunding Certain of the City's Outstanding Bonds Provided for the Levying of Taxes to Pay Said Bonds, Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement and Authorizing the Sale of Said Bonds to the Purchaser Thereof (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

BOB VAIL: Good evening everyone. Again, my name is Bob Vail of Benardi Securities. We are a bond underwriter in Illinois, and worked with the city of Kankakee since 2006. The presentation I have in front of you is really only five pages,

the rest of it's a bunch of regulatory disclaimers that I won't go through. So, I'll get through this pretty quickly. But I did want to touch on interest rates. Currently there's some refinancing candidates for the city, some outstanding bonds general obligation and sewer revenue bonds. Interest rates are near all-time lows. I've been doing this since 1998, and rates have never been lower. Historically we're basically at the bottom of the yield curve. So, from a standpoint of any new financing any refinancing the time is right and I've got a couple charts in here that I'll go through in a second. The bonds we are looking at refinancing are the city's 2008, 2009, and 2011, issues which are the general obligation issues. Then the sewer bonds which are the 2009 bonds and the 2010a was combined we're looking at a savings of the general obligation and sewer revenue bonds of over a million dollars by refinancing. If you turn to page 1, this is the graph I was talking about in regards to historically low rates. This is a 10-year snapshot of a 20-year bond issue. Going back to July of 2010 on the left, all the way to the right where we're at today. Historically, that averages has been about 3.8%. Today we're basically 2.19%. To 65 year low or 64 year low is 2.16%. So, we're basically at the bottom of that curve. Next page last graph, I want to show you page 2. This is where yields have been the last 3 years so June of 2018, June of 2019 and just last month. Showing you a borrowing of anywhere from 3 months out to 30 years, see how that graph goes up, you'll see that bottom curve June 2020 that's where we are today. Basically, a flat yield curve. So, there's not much penalty by extending any debt, and you look at the drop there just over the last two years. Also highlights the point of how low these rates are. Page 3, there's a lot of numbers on this page. There are just a couple columns I want to highlight. This is the city's currently outstanding general obligation debt that's being levied on the property tax roll. There's a left box, which is showing the total levy debt services that's currently where the city is now, the box on the left. You'll see just a couple years ago, the total debt service that was being levied by the city was \$5,278,000. Today that levy has dropped down to approximately \$4,056,000 that would be on this year's tax levy. The corresponding tax rate which is the third column of that first box. Now the ordinances you have in front of you tonight layout not to exceed numbers. So, they include the refinancing, and any potential new money. These numbers can come down they just can't go up based on the ordinance, and they're not to

exceed so some of the numbers that you're seeing in the ordinance are basically artificially inflated until we sell the bond issue. What we're looking at doing is that orange box in the middle is the refinancing. That is showing basically at \$820,000 in savings on just the general obligation bond issues. So that'll come off the levy. Then you'll see there's two gold colored boxes in the middle, that's plus 9 million for a tax-exempt issue. Plus 1 million for a taxable issue we've structured it in a way to try and minimize the impacts of the tax levy up front, and also smooth out some of the debt service while allowing for future councils to borrow for new projects. Basically, we're dropping the taxes here, next year keeping them pretty similar to where they are in the following year for the year after this and then you'll see it slowly, it begins to decrease and then really fall off a cliff. On the right-hand column, you'll see, if we can keep the rate at (inaudible) 90 cents. There's about 52 million in capacity for future borrowings. So, we're structuring in a way one to save money, to delay, or in any new debt, and try not to impact the tax rate as much as possible. So that's what we're doing on the general obligation bonds. Page 4 this is the refinancing of the debt. So here we're refinancing bonds in 2009 and 2010. Basically, the left-hand column shows the current payments net rate of 4.28%. On the right, the net savings far hand column so this is net after all costs about \$256,000 dropping the rate to about 2.51%. So that \$256,000 with the \$820,000 or the general obligation gets to about \$1,076,000 in savings by refinancing those five bond issues. Then just the last page I want to cover. Cities contemplating new money for the sewer utility of up to a million dollars. This just provides that debt service for the new money for the sewer level payments borrowing at about 2.27% to 2031. So, the ordinances you have in front of you provide for the refinancing of the five bond issues. Plus, not to exceed numbers for the million for the sewer and then the 10 million for the general obligation bond issues. Knowing that those numbers can come down we just can't go above those authorizations. Those are the purposes that are listed in the ordinances in front of you tonight. So, with that I didn't know if there's any questions or anything additional.

BURT ODELSON:

If I can ask you to go through the procedure or where we go after tonight, what we'll be doing.

BOB VAIL:

The procedure for selling the bonds?

BURT ODELSON

Yes.

BOB VAIL:

So, the first step is the city authorizing us to proceed on a bond issue. We have not to exceed numbers if that were to be passed tonight. Then we're putting together the documents, gathering the audits, I believe the 2019 audit is almost finished. Once that's done, we'll have all that information pulled together, to then go to the credit rating agencies. At that point we'll get the bonds rated, and then we'll send that out for bond insurance and get bond insurance bids. At that point, we would need to know then what new money the city will be contemplating to issue. So really, it would be beneficial to know that before we go to the rating agency but within the next couple of weeks to three weeks. We're going to be getting all that information together and get it off to the rating agency. Once we know what the new money is we get the bonds rated within a week after we get the rating back will then be selling bonds. And at that point, then we're locking in the rate, the numbers I have in front of you are hypothetical then we'll know exactly what the savings are and what the interest rate is. Then close on the bond issue two weeks after that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD LEWIS:

I make a motion to suspend the rules.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD LEWIS:

I make a motion to put it on final passage.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes, on the bonds we're looking at to refinancing, are we Adding years to that, or we just paying them off as scheduled (*inaudible*)?

BOB VAIL: So, if we turn to page 3, there's only one bond issue we're looking at extending. So, you'll see that the savings numbers are totally level on that orange column on page 3, savings really you know a fair amount of savings in the next three years, then we're adding additional debt service in the following two years and that's basically flat the last three. The reason we're doing that as we're trying to level off that the debt payment, the levy that's being levied on the property taxes. I believe, 2009 issue would be the only issue that we're extending two years. All the other debt. We're not extending.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thanks Alderman Crawford. Alderman O'Brien?

ALD O'BRIEN: On that same page 3. Elizabeth, this is probably a question for you, that orangish column, do we plan to put those savings into the general fund, is that correct?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Basically, yes and no. It's a bond fund so we the Savings would be recognized in the bond fund, but what it does is it frees up capacity on the levee so that then we can make other decisions with that savings on the levee, because both bonds, the bond fund and the general fund are on the levee.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: You said when we go to credit rating agency, for the rating, how long will that take?

BOB VAIL: Well, the credit rating itself is usually only an hour or two on the phone. Then we make a presentation to the rating agency; financials, economically, socio economically, etc... to the rating agencies and the rating analyst who's on a call, then takes that information. They go to a committee,

that committee decides what the rating is for the city of Kankakee is. All in all, it usually takes about a week to 10 days to get the rating once we start the process.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other questions? Alderman O'Brien?

ALD O'BRIEN: The budget committee, we talked about next steps after this knowing that this is a parameters ordinance. Will there be opportunities for the city council members to have input on, what is what, you know...What's the right number? What's the appropriate amount? What are the appropriate opportunities there?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, so you've had opportunities we've been asked. We want you to give us...

ALD O'BRIEN: We just got the list a week ago. It's just a short, relatively short, amount of time.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Well the list has been compiled over several committee's conversations and department head conversations so it didn't just come together in a week.

ALD O'BRIEN: I understand, but it came to the council just we just want make sure we have opportunity.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Absolutely.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12C.

ITEM 12C: Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,750,000 Taxable Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020C, and Not to Exceed \$4,250.000 Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 2020D for the Purpose of Financing Certain Capital Improvements for the System and

Refunding Certain Outstanding Bonds of Sais City,
Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement and
Providing for the Collection Segregation and Distribution
of the Revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sewage
System and Authorizing the Sale of Their Bonds to the
Purchaser Thereof (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD COBBS: So move.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Cobbs and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?
Motion carries. Thank you, Bob for your time. Okay, Bert will follow up with Bob. Moving on to Item 12D.

ITEM 12D: Ordinance Amending Chapter 4" Liquor Control" of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee by Striking it in its Entirety and Replacing it with an Updated Version (*1st & 2nd Reading*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: A lot of work went into this, I want to thank Alderman Curtis who Chair's the License & Franchise. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of this ordinance?

ALD CURTIS: Motion to suspend the rules

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD CURTIS: Motion to place the ordinance on final passage.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Curtis and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion? Roll Call

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item E.

ITEM 12E: Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal year beginning May 1st of 2020 and ending April 30th of 2021 (*Exhibit will be distributed Separately*) – (*1st & 2nd reading*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth has provided an exhibit she emailed. I don't even know if she went home last week. I sent an email about 10 o'clock and I think something went out this morning and you should have a copy. So, I'm going to go ahead and defer to Elizabeth right now.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Thank you Mayor, I did pass this out, is there any council member who did not get this document looks like this? Tonight, I'm pleased to present the Fiscal 2021 Annual Budget for the City of Kankakee. This is a balanced budget with a small surplus of \$20,668.00. I would first though like to thank the Mayor, the Council, Department Heads and the Staff for their assistance in completing this budget. It took four very focused budget meetings to get to this

point and to get this completed product, and lots of thinking differently than we have in the past and I'm very grateful for that from all of you. This year was really no different in the fact that we were trying to figure out how to close the gap that tends to be where we are. And this was no different. What made this budget very different though was the challenge in trying to make the estimations that we have to do regarding COVID and how that has affected our world. How do you budget in the midst of a pandemic and plan for uncharted waters? I believe the numbers in front of you tonight are a very conservative estimation regarding the revenues and a very realistic listing of planned expenditures. From the very beginning we have been committed to passing a budget timely in spite of all of these challenges. I would like to go over just a couple of highlights at this time. On the revenue side, as we've done in the past, we tend to break it down into three categories while we're trying to figure out how to get to the, to the final answer. The first side is obviously revenues. We made some significant reductions to sales tax for fiscal 2021, the sales tax was analyzed through two sets of lenses. The first lens really is just the trending data which is a downward trend. The second is the loss of sales tax that we're going to estimate due to the COVID-19 situation. Between these two items conservatively approximately \$693,715 in sales tax reduction is due to the trend and \$282,000 reduction is due to the COVID-19 adjustments. In total, this is \$975,715 of a decrease for the sales tax between the standard sales tax and the additional 2% almost a million. On the addition side though, we spoke reductions first, but on the addition side we were able to add \$325,000 between local use and income tax. Those were trending much higher last year, and we received support from IML and from other resources that said that those would stay stable is the prediction at this point. We also added \$212 and \$956 to other revenue through a couple sources. The expense reductions that were made overall were \$686,823. These reductions were due to some plan staff restructuring due to doing some staff analysis, change in the liability insurance as all the *(inaudible)* spoke about earlier, decrease the tax legal matters as we have wrapped up those sales tax litigation matters that we have been dealing with for years, and a decrease to the electric bill for the streetlights because we have moved to LEDs thanks to Pete and his department, and we are going to see a large savings there. The last piece is always need

additional expenses when we turn the calendar over from April 30th to May 1st, every single year. There are expenses that are added. This year was no different. It included \$260,000 in contractual salary increases. We had a 4% joint dispatch increase. Some other miscellaneous operating expenses for police and fire. All very meaningful needs health insurance went up 4.12% and the workers compensation insurance went up substantially. So, with all of those pieces then we put them all together, and look line by line and we come up with the final document. The very beginning, I'm not going to go page by page but in the very beginning are some nice summary pages as you peruse it and you'll see the revenues and expenditures and then as you go back to the document you will see it on a per departmental basis. I would accept any questions at this time.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

ALD BROWN: I make a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the Passing.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned made by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Curtis, Tall, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien
(8) Ayes (5) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. may have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD BROWN: I make that motion.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned made by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson. Any discussion?

ALD O'BRIEN: Mayor procedurally, I believe the motion did not carry. The procedures that requires a two thirds majority vote, eight to

five does not satisfy that requirement. Section 2-40 of the city code.

BURT ODELSON:

I have to see the city code. Alderman O'Brien's would you have a copy on hand?

ALD O'BRIEN:

22-44 paragraph G states that any ordinance introduced shall lie over until the next meeting. And then subparagraph P says you can amend the procedures, as long as a two thirds majority of all elected alderman which of course is 10.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderwoman Malone Marshall?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So, two thirds would be... isn't 8 for 13... for 13 present?

BURT ODELSON:

Its Aldermen elected so its 14. With two thirds is would be 10.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Do you want to put this on the next agenda?

ALD O'BRIEN:

Yes, but I think we should consider suspending it for 30 to 60 days while we get two more months of sales tax and property tax numbers in personally as I've mentioned at the, the Budget Committee meeting. So, I think that's where we ...just seems to me we don't know what we don't know at this point given COVID. I hope, Elizabeth numbers are dead on. But we just...we just don't know. To me there's no rush. Why rush? Let's just take 30 to 60 days to get it right, no need to rush in my opinion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I don't think we're rushing we passed our budget the second meeting of July.

BURT ODELSON:

Normally I wouldn't interfere. It's a legislative decision, but because of the, the bonds and the rating call we'll have to partake. I don't want a Bob has left but I can tell you from the calls that I've been on including one this morning. One of the questions is, have you passed your budget is your budget balanced. Is there a deficit? I would not want to be on a rating call and say, we have deferred the passage of the budget. Again, it's a legislative decision, I truly recognize that but you can come back and amend the budget if there are key numbers that are way off. I just one other thing I worked on some of these numbers with Elizabeth, who is far more conservative than me and these

numbers are extremely conservative. So, in that regards the comments and the bonds, I don't want to put the bonds in jeopardy. Alderman O'Brian and Curtis are correct that we do need to 10 votes to suspend the rules in the way you handle your council meetings.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Brown?

ALD BROWN: I don't think we were rushing all the other (*inaudible*) There is no government agency to say that they have a sound revenue foundation. If they do they are not telling the truth. With COVID-19 there's no revenue, the stabilizers including: property taxes, sales taxes, anything else. Anything could happen. If you notice, the city of Chicago (*inaudible*) some bars and stuff like that. (*inaudible*) if the figures come in we can amend the budget, but waiting three months, I don't understand that at all. That is not what we should be doing.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The other thing I want to remind you, we have a Ricky Rockets development agreement. I don't want to see that jeopardized either.

BURT ODELSON: Just one more comment. If this proceeds as it is. I inform (*inaudible*) by tomorrow. It would not be my advice to go forward with the bonds until we have a budget.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: It's my understanding that we have a budget that is balanced. I just want to make certain that this is accurate. We have a balanced budget that has been presented, looked over several times, we've had several meetings as relates to our budget. This places us in jeopardy of these historically low interest rates that now comes into play and we are placing those rates in jeopardy for whatever reasons beyond me. The other thing is that we do have a remedy for anything that any of us would be concerned. I'm speaking directly to the Chair of budget at this time. If we had to, we certainly could amend the budget it permits us to do that. Lastly, most importantly, we as city council members, we have a fiduciary responsibility to the residents in this city. And for any of us to vote against a balanced budget. It's just way beyond me. I don't know where this is coming from but it places the city at risk unnecessarily. That's from any individual who would be voting against a balanced

budget that's being presented. I just want to state that.
Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Tetter. Alderman Tall?

ALD TALL: Yes. Going back 2 years, looking at this budget not having audits in hand. We are two years behind in our audits. All we are asking for is an extension to get some, some balanced numbers, so that we can take a look at the numbers that are coming in and have an opportunity. We've been talking about balanced budgets for three years. This administration has not given us audits, we have not had our TIF's taken care of. So, when you talk about balance. Let's look at the whole picture.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Tall. Elizabeth I'll let you speak to that.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Thank you Mayor. Correction Aldermen Tall, one audit behind a week and a half out, just for correction.

ALD TALL: And you don't have it in hand

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: She's speaking don't interrupt.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: I'm speaking. I can't possibly understand what an operating budget that gives you guidelines and boundaries has anything to do with any audit quite honestly. I feel that in the past I've been pushed to get these deadlines done and now all of a sudden, I've been kind of told to put the brakes on and I'm not really for sure why. I'm proud of this document. I have produced seven of these, and they've all been very good. I did the best I could, in light of COVID. I believe that the numbers are strong. I believe the estimates are strong, and I believe that it is important to have the guardrails up as we proceed because the departments and the city services do not stop.

ALD BROWN: How does this affect our Ordinance for continued spending Resolution? How does that affect this?

ALD CURTIS: With the last vote that happened, is there a way to revote on suspension?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'm sorry I didn't hear you.

BURT ODELSON: Alderman Curtis asked is there a way to revote. The answer is yes, someone who voted in the majority can ask to change their vote or ask for a new vote. So, the majority was 8 to 5. But the motion failed because you need 10. So, this is a parliamentary evening tonight.

ALD BROWN: Do you need 10 or 9? There are 13 here.

BURT ODELSON: You know it's 14 elected it's 9.2 so you need 10. Someone who voted in the positive in the eight can ask to reconsider because they lost their so someone can ask to reconsider the vote. So, one of the eight, and if that's seconded. Then you can have a motion to reconsider. If the motion to reconsider passes by a simple majority then the matter is back on the floor for a whole new vote. That's the procedure.

ALD TETTER: So, with that being said, your honor. We need someone to ask for a reconsideration is that's correct?

BURT ODELSON: That's correct, that is the case.

ALD TETTER: Your honor, if it is appropriate, I would like to move that we have a reconsideration on the vote

BURT ODELSON: That's a proper motion, there would have to be a second Can be made by anybody.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I will second the reconsideration

BURT ODELSON: So Mayor, the question on the floor as to whether the prior vote should be reconsidered.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Now we have to vote ...

BURT ODELSON: We have to vote a simple majority. If that passes, then the question of passage of the ordinance is back on the floor again.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so we are going to a roll...

BURT ODELSON: You need to ask if there's any discussion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. No discussion? Alderwoman Swanson?

ALD SWANSON: I didn't say anything before but I do budgets for my credit

union I've been doing them for years. It's a lot of work. Just for my little office and I just can't imagine the magnitude of the work that Elizabeth does. I've worked with her for a long time, and she does an excellent job and hasn't failed us yet. You can always amend a budget. During this COVID time it's very hard with income, as well as, expenses. Everybody nationally, are getting hurt by these processes, and I just feel that we really need to get this budget passed to continue to do business as usual as we possibly can. And once again, Elizabeth and her whole entire office does a fantastic job and we need to support her as aldermen.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alderman O'Brien?

ALD O'BRIEN:

Thank you. I agree that this is by no means is a reflection in a negative way on any of the city staff or council members of the administration, the unknown to me, we don't know what we don't know, as you mentioned Danita, the need of the budget or the COVID situation has had an incredible impact. We don't know what the sales tax numbers will come back in the next few months. We don't know what the property tax payment rate will be. That's why the State of Illinois General Assembly changed this law, typically the state law says, you have to file your budget within three months at the beginning of your fiscal year, so that's why we always shoot for the end of July. Now with the COVID situation, the state amended this statute Section 5/A-2-9 of the Municipal Code to provide for anytime that there is a state of emergency declared. Now, that you can extend the passage period the time to pass your budget beyond the typical three months requirement. To be clear, I'm not saying let's extend this for six or eight months, but just wait two months the main months of the shutdown were April, May and June, we got the April sales tax numbers were pleasantly surprised. Why not wait and see what the May numbers are? Why not wait and see what the June numbers are? Why not wait until September 4th when property tax payments are paid? My fear, my real fear is, this is balanced on paper but in reality. Come 6-9 months from now, it won't be balanced because we didn't wait to get the information we need to make an informed and educated decision. Waiting is the prudent option here and if it delays us by 30 to 60 days for going to the bond market. I think that's okay. I believe rates are going to stay low for quite some time. This is by no means intended to be a negative reflection on anyone here at the

city. It's more of, hey, the information is our friend at this point. Let's take advantage of the opportunity to get more information. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Elizabeth?

ELIZABTH KUBAL:

Chairman, I completely agree that time is our friend. I completely agree with that. This decision though to wait does put us into another situation where the capital funds are running low, as we know it's been many years since we went to the capital market we've got the place the parameters ordinances just got passed. We will potentially have to dip into city reserves to make some of those payments, because today I did not look at the balance, I think we're around \$130,000 or something. So that's just another layer that needs to be considered tonight I believe that, you know, it's time to replenish that was the decision made here tonight, for sure, but not having a budget. That's not a good situation go in front of the rating agencies with.

BURT ODELSON:

A couple things. The law that Alderman O'Brien referred to, we did take a look at I sent a memo to the Mayor and to the Aldermen. That the Law allows municipalities not to pass a budget for 60 days after the emergency is lifted. That means when we get to, I think the governor has said phase five, and by all estimates, we're now getting to phase five, who knows, could be next year. So, the City Council could wait till 2021 to pass this budget. As silly as that sounds, that's the way the law is written. So, you do not have to pass a budget until 60 days after the emergency is lifted that's number one. Number two, the interest rates as Bob said he's only been doing this since 1998, I've been doing it since 1973, their interest rates have never been this low and I certainly cannot predict where they're going. I know where they are now. I know, basically where they're going to be for a few more weeks unless the bond drops out. I don't know where they're going to be, nobody knows where they're going to be in 30 or 60 days. And you heard the significant over a million dollars in savings, just for the refund over a million dollars in savings. I was on a call this morning for the Village of Bolingbrook we're refinancing 52 million and saving 9 million, and we did today to take advantage of these unbelievable rates. So, again, it's the legislative decision of the Council, but I call Bob with this decision. I know he's going to suggest we do not go to rating, because ratings going to say didn't pass the budget.

You know the law says we can wait. But that's not what the bond ratings look at, they have other standards and they want to know that we've done our homework that we and that we have our audit or whatever a draft or that we're going to have our final audit within a week, so we will be up to date with our audits and we will be locked and loaded for the rating agency to try to get good rates for the city.

ALD CURTIS:

The motion currently on the floor of the new motion made by Tetter and that is for suspension the rules correct?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: No, that is to reconsider.

ALD CURTIS:

To reconsider, okay.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Cobbs?

ALD COBBS:

There is no crystal ball as to what can happen in the future we have to make decisions on what's in front of us now. We can predict and prepare. That's our responsibility. That's why you have a budget and certain things happen, you know, and we have the safeguards in place to make those decisions. But it appears to me that at this time, we are playing Russian Roulette with millions of dollars that we can lose in rate of bonds, I think we all know when it comes to interest rates, they do fluctuate. They go down, and they come up. Right now, we had some record low, I think Bob said, 65 year low rate for bonds and we're playing Russian Roulette. There, maybe they won't go up, maybe they will. What is they do? I don't understand it. I don't understand it justification of putting this off any longer. Not with the fiduciary responsibility that we have to our constituents, it doesn't make good sense to me. I don't understand. I don't get it. It doesn't make sense. It doesn't seem like the respectful, responsible thing for elected officials to do to make decisions in the best interest of the people they serve. I would hope we can do better than that. I know we can. I know we can, because we have a responsibility to.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'm gonna move for so we have a motion on the floor to reconsider the vote. I'm asking for your leadership we have several projects including the purchase of real estate on the agenda. All of these decisions are tied to us being able to go to the market and having a budget. When we first passed our first budget, I believe, was it June of 17. We lost Ultra

Foods in September, when we passed that budget in June of 17, we had no idea that Ultra Foods was gonna go bankrupt, but they did. So to be responsible, I told Elizabeth I think we should amend the budget because it was such a significant loss. It was over \$100,000 of loss of sales tax revenue. So again, we can amend our budget in this time of uncertainty for COVID-19. The one thing that we can control is passing a budget and letting our residents know that we are being prudent and making sure that services are provided. So I'm asking for your leadership to pass a budget for the city of Kankakee residents, so that we can go forward with these decisions we have. We have the Ricky Rockets project that we have to have the money bonded it for Ricky Rockets. We've made investments there. You know we have a real estate purchase tonight for ESU. There are investments they're all relying on these bonds which relies on us, showing that we are being fiscally responsible and passing a budget for the city of Kankakee.

BURT ODELSON:

In relation to that, I would be remiss if I didn't make a comment here. You all remember when we did the Rickey Rockets agreement. We agreed to certain incentives and we didn't have the money for that incentive and we were going to borrow from TIF 8 \$1.2 million I think, and then pass bonds and then from the bond money reimburse TIF 8. Well, because of time. If we get the bonds passed, we don't have to borrow from TIF 8, we'll just take the money directly from the bond proceeds to pay Ricky Rockets when their plans are done and we're at that time when they're ready to close. In the next, I'd say four to six weeks, so I can avoid the maneuver of the money and taking from the TIF 8 and taking from the capital from the bonds and then paying TIF 8 back by going out to market and getting the bonds.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so the motion on the floor is to reconsider.

BURT ODELSON:

Is to reconsider the vote, which would suspend the rule which would allow for the passage of the Budget. So, a yes vote means its back on the floor to talk about the passage of the budget again. A no vote means the vote stands and the budget ordinance would be on the next city council meeting.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien
 (9) Ayes (4) Nays

BURT ODELSON: The motion to reconsider passes. What's on the floor now is if you get a motion to suspend the rules, so you'd have to ask now for the motion to suspend the rules.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that would interfere with the passage of the ordinance adopting The annual budget for fiscal year 2021?

ALD BROWN: Motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of this ordinance.

ALD SWANSON: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Swanson.

BURT ODELSON: Again Mayor, this will need 10 votes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Swanson, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien
 (9) Ayes (4) Nays

BURT ODELSON: Motion fails.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion fails? Okay.

BURT ODELSON: So Mayor, according to your rules, this will go on to your next agenda.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay.

BURT ODELSON: When is the next meeting?

KRIS SCHMITZ: August 3rd.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, moving onto Item 12F.

ITEM 12F: Recommendation to Approve Revised Preliminary Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the Amount of \$39,976.24 for the Proposed Bike Lane Marking Plan for South Schuyler, Section 20-00285-00-ST

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is the South Schuyler project that was approved back in February, I believe, as we've kind of gotten into developing the plans and going through IDOT review. There have been some other things that have come up with This project that we have to design to MFT standards. We're also changing lane alignments on a State Route so we've added some extra hours into this. We will be coming back as well to do a preliminary to amendment again for a preliminary site assessment. We don't have that cost at this time but this is just an amendment of the existing agreement. And then there will be a resolution for an additional \$5,000 over the original agreement.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May have a motion to approve the recommendation?

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion on this item? Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSTAIN: Gall
(12) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 12G Appointments we have none. Under Item 13 Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Action to Purchase Certain Real Estate in the city of Kankakee.

BURT ODELSON: During our last two budget meetings we talked about the purchase of a piece of real estate. I think the aldermen are ready to vote tonight, a contract has tentatively been

negotiated dependent on the council's approval. I've given the language to Alderwoman Swanson, to get it on the floor, all the way to the floor so you've had a floor.

ALD SWANSON:

I'd like to make a motion to approve a contract with Diane Hove in the amount of \$425,000 for the purchase of 270 North Indiana Avenue and 295, as well as 254 in 256, North Harrison, an additional \$9,500 for the purchase of the southeast corner of Chestnut and Harrison, which is approximately 7000 square feet.

ALD TETTER:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion?

BURT ODELSON:

So the public knows maybe someone should discuss what this property is and whether it's going to be used for.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I don't know if the Pete you want to talk about that, you can come on up.

PETE SCHIEL:

Thank you Mayor, as we know, the Space Center that we're currently in the lease in that particular location will be expiring in December of 2021. So we need to be proactive. As you know, a facility takes a while to revamp and get into shape. So this is our proactive move to move in the right direction to potentially find another location for not only Code Enforcement but ESU.

ALD BROWN:

If we don't have a budget, how can we go forward with that?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth go ahead.

ELIZABETH KIBAL:

ESU would be able to float the purchase of the building but would not be able to float any renovations at this time.

ALD BROWN:

But that's the uncertainty, that the uncertainty that we just stopped. We didn't pass the budget. That's the uncertainty they are going to float...

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

I'm just speaking from a financial position solely on that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So you're saying that he or she has the money in their

funds to be able to make the purchase.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They did not have the money in their funds to be able to renovate.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: *(inaudible)*.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yes. I haven't looked at that exact financial scenario but based off the numbers I have in my head, that would be what would be available to do.

BURT ODELSON: This was in closed session so we were able pursuant to law to discuss dollar amounts and addresses and things like that. And it was indicated that we should go forward with it, which is why now it's public, so I would urge the city council to move forward with this for the purchase and I think Elizabeth said we'll find the money for the purchase, which we wouldn't close for a good 30 to 40 days anyway because we have environmental to do and things like that so I think we'll be okay. As far as the purchase goes Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any further discussion. Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter,

ALD BROWN: I feel very uncomfortable but I understand the importance of this. I want this on record that I'm going to vote yes but I without a budget to me, this makes no sense.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Curtis,

ALD COBBS: I am going to say the same thing that Brown said. I just think it's irresponsible to spend money without a budget but I'm going to say yes.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: I just want to say that even though we could not agree on the budget. The budget that was presented for us is a balanced budget so I will aye vote for this project.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And this will be coming out of the ESU budget not the general fund budget correct.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: They do have a balanced and passed ESU budget. Just for the record. Motion carries. Moving on to item 13B.

ITEM 13B: Re-proclamation of Declaration of Local State of Emergency.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So we are still under phase four. And under the state of emergency with the governor, and in the city of Kankakee. I just want to encourage everyone I know the masks gets cumbersome. But we, you know, in order to stay protected and safe. Please wear down over your nose and your mouth. And when you're close to people. People have been pretty cooperative in the public building so I want to thank the community for that as well. We did item 13C. Moving on to Item 13D.

ITEM 13C: Resolution by Economic & Community Development Agency, Establishing Downtown and Riverfront District Design Guidelines.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So as you all know we've been working to make the city of Kankakee more business friendly for developers and people who want to locate here and open businesses and Barbie has been working with the leadership of Chairwoman Swanson and Aldermen Tetter on both of those communities Economic Development and Community Development to address some guidelines for downtown. Mike Hoffman also has been a key number on this particular project so I'll go ahead and bring you forward Mike if you have anything you want to share on the design guidelines.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes, the design guidelines are really a tool they are guidelines, they're not rules but what they do is they communicate to the development community, the fact that the city of Kankakee wants quality development in the downtown area, and it explains to them what we're looking for. So, when they know what the rules are and

they know what you're looking for in advance it make them much easier and much faster to do development projects. So we are recommending these guidelines to clarify what we're looking for in terms of streetscape elements public art, architecture site design those kind of components which really aren't addressed in your code right now. We've actually run into problems in other areas of town where we wanted to impose some additional architectural requirements that we had nothing to go by. This gives us something to go by, while still being flexible enough to work with the developers to do something. It's a great tool to have in a situation like we're in or we have some opportunity to partner with the private sector in terms of TIF financing or other tools, and we can essentially say, look, if you want some assistance from us, we want to make sure you do this. So it's a tool to partner with the private sector to achieve development that's good for the community and good for the private sector.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Barbie was there anything you wanted to add.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: No.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. May have a motion to adopt the Downtown Riverfront district design guidelines?

ALD GALL: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Thank you. Item 13E as we stated at the beginning of the meeting has been pulled and will be at later meeting. Moving onto Item 13F.

ITEM 13F: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Number 20-904-P/AMV #20AHDQ00627 Between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Kankakee Police

Department for the Use of Office Space at the Kankakee Police Department.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Yes. So, this resolution IGA actually happens. I don't think it happens every year, but it's the premise of them doing this business every year has been going on for some time, they paid at least they paid \$6600 per year. Ever since I've been here and I'm pretty confident was four years before that. So basically this is just a formality that we need to approve. It's only good through the end of December 31 2020.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Elizabeth. May have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion on this item? Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall
Malone Marshall, Prude
(13) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13G.

ITEM 13G: Supplemental Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for the Proposed Bike Lane Marking Plan for South Schuyler Avenue.

NEIL PIGGUSH: This is just the corresponding resolution that is tied to the previous engineering agreement amendment that you just voted on.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion to approve the resolution.

ALD PRUDE: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Prude and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion on that item?

Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Malone Marshall, Prude

ABSTAIN: Gall

(12) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstention

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 14 Executive Session we have no Need for an executive session this evening. Item 15 we Action Resulting, no need for that. Moving on to Item 16 City Council Members Comments.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN COMMENTS

ALD BROWN:

I can't say what I want to say, for the first time a long time I'm really embarrassed. I'm embarrassed by this Council. And I'm not afraid to say it. The fact of the matter is, I've been all my life I've been able to work with people. We always had differences, but for the good of the cause, we've always came up and work together. This is the first time that I've been around, anybody or any organization that put themselves their own interest before the citizen of this county and putting millions and millions of dollars at stake. Put a business that is coming here that will generate millions of dollars in jeopardy, put so many things in jeopardy because of self-interest. This is the first time, I've never been around before, and I gotta tell you, it's so disappointing to me that this this chamber could do that.

ALD O'BRIEN:

Thank you very regarding the budget I don't think that it's in any way selfish or personal motivated to be respecting the taxpayer dollars, making sure we have all the relevant information that we need to make an informed decision in the budget. Does it potentially delay the refinancing and issuance of bonds? Perhaps, but I think this is in the best interest of the taxpayers. So, that's my perspective. On a separate issue. I've been getting more and more complaints, and maybe some of you has as well about homeless people in the downtown area aggressively panhandling and approaching employees and local businesses and visitors. It seems like there's been a surge of this in the last few months. And I'm certainly sensitive to the plight of the homeless, they wanted to volunteer my services to be part of the team. I understand that Barbie and maybe some others are looking at ways that we can address this issue,

it's certainly an issue in the second ward in downtown in my ward. But it's not limited there so I wanted to offer to be able to be part of the team that would help this. We just approved the design standards for downtown in the riverfront, and we're trying to attract new development and new visitors, new residents to the downtown. I think we've got to do better and find a way to effectively address this issue that's good for the city in the community as well as the homeless population.

ALD TETTER:

I just share the sentiment with my seat me. I am officially embarrassed and taken back by the incompetency of this body. I would hope that everyone who has tuned in or that's in the chambers would take full recognition of the individuals that's placed the city of 27,000 at risk for no good reason. And it is sad it really is. I've not ever not always agreed with everyone on this council, and that's not what we're here to always do is agree. But one thing that we are responsible to do each and every time that we step in these chambers is leave our personal agendas at the door. And what we did here tonight is shameful and I just hope that any of our residents that are out looking at this would remember this moving forward. This is not leadership, I'm sorry, it is just not leadership. And it's a shame. I just want to go on record to say that, and I don't have a problem saying it to any person in their face, meet me anywhere I don't care. But this here is completely across the line, we've crossed a line that we've never gone to. And we call our sales professionals. And we're in positions of responsibilities. We hold the public's trust in these chambers, and this is the service we render to them. We should be ashamed. And actually, and I'll just say, because it's Aldermen comments. You should resign. End of my comments.

ALD GALL:

I want to say something really quick. I just wanted to thank Elizabeth, though because she's really proud of this budget and every time I drove by the city building she was working. I drove by Sunday night and I saw that your car is still there and kind of a family and kids and they're really sharing you with us and I just wanted to tell you. Thank you. And I was really proud of this and I'm sorry that we weren't able to do it tonight. Also, I just wanted to thank him for all the work you've done the vehicle sticker I got mine and I was able to pull right up. And the drive thru was just a genius idea and I was in and out and it was really a

ALD CRAWFORD:

really great experience so now is a great time to go but not to take away from the budget on that too so thank you. I would also like to thank you, even though I hold it against us. And to me, I received 54 more pages in an email. And I don't know how many of you others work for a living, of 54 pages to go over I spent three and a half hours and I had 30 questions to ask. Over this budget. To me it is my responsibility to get my questions answered for my constituents before I pass something and I have questions on a no vote for this. Hopefully, next budget meeting or the next city council meeting we have I can meet with Elizabeth go over them questions, and anybody else that voted against this. Please get ahold of Elizabeth, have your questions answered and hopefully we can get this passed, maybe at our next meeting. I mean, I don't think our bond ratings are going to go down or insurance, or the interest rates going to go down in the next two weeks we can still get this thing done. But let's get our questions answered. Thank you.

ALD COBBS:

I just want to thank Elizabeth as well. I know how hard she works and I have to agree with Alderwoman Gall, I saw her, when I got my city sticker. And I didn't want to encourage the public to make sure they go get theirs. I waited in line and by the time I got to the front there was Elizabeth smiling face when I got to the front of line she was there. You can also see her late at night as Alderwoman Gall said burning the midnight oil. I think this is one of multiple drafts of the budget that we've had. And each one of them take some time so the thank you so much for all your work, and your smile that means that means a lot.

ALD CURTIS:

I wanted to make a comment here, why I changed my vote. So, there are some things in this budget that I still think with more time we can do more reductions, more savings, things of that nature so that's why I'd like to continue to work on this budget. But the intention also is getting a bond rating for the city and getting be able to do business going forward I understand is very critical. So, my initial vote of no, is because there is more things I think we can do for savings and some things further...budget and see. Take the ability to see some income and some different streams I'd love to see another multiple sales tax coming in. But the reason I did change, I also do understand that the most important things is getting a bond rating back for the city

Kankakee to do business so that's why I asked about is there a way to reconsider. I'm still thinking there's some things in the budget that I'm not for. However, that's why I switched that to get it done tonight and go from there so I needed to explain that. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we're going to move on to the Department Head Comments.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON: It's still census time. So I really need you to work with me. Please get out into your wards, talk to your residents. Ask them if they have been counted if they've gotten online. If they can't get online, let us know and ECDA we'll try to help. You can do it over the phone you can do by mail. But we really need to get everybody counted so just to let you know citywide. Last time I was here it was at 53%, we only went up 1% in two weeks. We're at 54%. So, we really need some help. We're doing the best that we can right now we've got banners up we've got billboards, we've got yard signs. We've got swag we've been at different community events we're passing them out. And we're getting ready to probably next reach out to you and try to see if we can set up a census street corner and maybe get people counted that way. The pandemic limits us to what we can do so I really really need the team. I need you out there in your wards, asking people, there's yard signs in the back if you want to take them. But really, people are going to do the census because they trust you, and they know that if you're saying it's good that we can do it. Also, it is secure your information is going to be secure and private, so please pass that along to people I know that sometimes when you do things on the internet people get nervous. Take the census, please, we need to keep moving these numbers up. Alright, share the census information on social media so your network, see it. And that's it, thanks guys very much. Thank you.

CHIEF SCHULDT: Thank you Mayor, just two things really quick. We talked about these issues last public safety meeting I was encouraged to bring them to the full council. So, over the Fourth of July weekend you know had a residential structure fire that was apparently caused by illegal fireworks I just wanted to point that out that cost several thousand dollars for that house. Plus, we had a handful of

other calls that were apparently fireworks related to so just kind of highlights the need for her to show the vibe of what happens when the fireworks are continued to go in the city. And the other thing is just earlier prior to that weekend we had another residential structure fire during the night, and the couple that was sleeping on the second floor of their smoke detector alerted them. So they're able to exit safely. I just want to bring that up to you because, again, that highlights the importance of having working smoke detectors we've had some fires where people have not had the detectors, and there's been some injuries there. So, it's just important that we have those we still have those three detectors away, available for owner occupied homes and we'll come out and install them. Thank you.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

We do have a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. We have three cases, a variance request for a garage, a proposed auto repair facility on Hobbie, and a proposed use car dealer at Washington and Station.

PETE SCHIEL:

The Environmental Services utility board we shared a picture of individuals dumping grass out on the street. If the alderman wouldn't mind who received that picture wouldn't mind sharing that with their seatmates, if we can help get the message out. There's been a lot of blockages of the storm drains in the community. And that is one of the key contributors of the situation so seatmates if you wouldn't mind share that document with your fellow seatmate so then we can get the word out that they need to properly dispose of the grass clippings. Thank you.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Thank you, Mayor City Council. One thing, Sargent Raimondo was a great asset to the police department, I just wanted to point out to make sure everybody understood. Even though we reduced the number to 11, there will be two sergeants that will be retiring by September or middle of September, so there will be another opening for a Sargent position.

JASMYNE HUMBLE:

Thank you. Here, I just want to remind everyone about the additional hours for city stickers. We did post that update, I want to thank Elizabeth and her department. So, going through those quickly. So those hours have been extended to Tuesday, July 21st from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P. M., Thursday, July 23rd from 4:00 P. M., to 8:00 P. M., Saturday, July 25th from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P.M., they did

not want to interfere with the Farmers Market. Tuesday, July 28th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P. M. and Thursday, July 30th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. I just want to remind everyone since we've been getting some emails about that that they can still purchase their stickers through regular business hours. And that is all I have. Thank you.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

I have a few updates on some ongoing projects. The alley project in the 4th Ward we're still waiting on Nicor. They're waiting on another IDOT permit to lower the 7 and 16-inch gas mains along the north side of the road before we can start our storm sewer work to drain that alley. Brookmont Boulevard is still moving forward. I received the plateau highways from v3 to review for right away and ease one acquisition. Hobbie Avenue. We had another coordination meeting and we're expecting to submit to IDOT probably sometime mid to late August for our initial submittal with our project development report. MFT contracts were just dropped off this afternoon at the Mayor's office so when we get those signed we'll turn those back around so hopefully we can get that started and maybe the first week of August or so for street maintenance. Safe Routes to School is on the either July 31st (*inaudible*). I think we have to wait eight days after the bid opening so we probably won't have it on the agenda until the second meeting in August. Riverfront trail phase 3a the ITEP Grant v3 has submitted the environmental survey requests and we're going over initial alignments. We will then coordinate that with the park district. The Fast Track public infrastructure grant we submitted for the North Schuyler streetscape improvements we are hoping to your response on that this week that was the \$1.8 million we requested. The stop sign requests, we've we did get the additional traffic data from the police department and we're putting that into an exhibit. So I will have a traffic committee meeting here in the, in the near term. So hopefully we can get that on the first meeting in August. So that would be my goal. The OSLAD grant agreement. We are moving forward property acquisition on East River walks to that's moving forward. Francine Drive improvements the survey crew started... I believe and we'll be out there this week. East or Gateway signage project we're finishing up those plans with Teska right now I'm working through some lighting and other things, we'll have an easement on the next agenda with the Diocese of Joliet for landscaping improvements in front of the cemetery. And we'll be submitting that to IDOT in the next week or

two and then probably going out to bid after that Eastridge drive improvements we're moving forward with the horizontal GM geometric layout of that roadway and coordinating on that with Ricky Rockets engineer. So, I believe that's it.

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Thank you Mayor. First of all, thank you so much all the older men and older women who have reached out tonight and your supportive comments, it means a lot to me right now for sure. I just wanted to make one point of clarification though, this budget was prepared identically to the last six that I have prepared was given to you, the line item detail is very cumbersome that's why you got it this morning I worked on it 10 and a half hours yesterday, just to make sure that everything ties out and everything aligns and go back to those departments relook, I mean right now if you ask me what the copier expenses in the code department I could tell you off the top of my head because that's how much I have to dig into these numbers but that's why you have me that's what I do and I and I enjoy doing that. What I did want to point out for clarification though, was that the draft that we looked at last week, those of you who were there, if you can see this, you can see there's yellow light on it. I take these decisions that we talked about and we decide, and then I apply them directly into those line items, so it doesn't look identical in a detail, of course, but I take these and I say okay reduction of personal property replacement tax and I take where we were. And I take it minus 80,000. So any questions you have, as always I'm happy to answer, but I did want to make sure I made a comment as to how these two documents correlate, just in case there's any lack of clarification there. I thank Jasmine for the vehicle sticker update is going as well as it can be. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Just a couple things I've sent out my weekly updates Friday. Vehicle Stickers, I also wanted to thank Jasmyne. We worked on the press release together to make sure we got that out and Elizabeth of course you and your team. 20 additional hours I think it is a lot outside of our normal business hours. Everyone should be able to get their sticker. If everybody tries to come get a vehicle sticker in the first three days is going to be insane which it was. This week is much better, next week could be much better, and it'll get crazy again at the end of the month. I just want to remind you to take advantage of the opportunities to purchase

outside normal hours. August 1st, by city ordinance, the sticker fee will double to \$70, per vehicle and the police will be writing tickets August 1st. In terms of our Fast Track grant. That's the grant that we apply for to extend our Schuyler Avenue streetscape project north to pick up the 200 and 300 blocks of North Schuyler. We apply for \$1.8 million. We were supposed to hear an update by the end of June, of course we're into this July 20. So, Neil and I have been tracking this every day. I did reach out to our lobbyists to ask him to reach out as well. So we can find out where our application is and if we are being approved for 1.8 million. That would include again those 2 blocks and the library green and the 100 block of South Schuyler. So, we're hoping to have an answer by the end of the week and if we do of course I'll be putting that in the updates as good news. I just wanted to remind any city council members if you have cell phones. T Mobile, they did reach out to us, they just want to check and make sure you guys are having any issues with your city cell phone so if you are, reach out to Linh she'll get you in touch with the government liaison. Cannabis applications of course COVID has delayed, those as well. There was approximately 700 applications, these were for dispensary's, they have not scored them yet and parameters to address tie breaker rules. Applications have not been finalized. So now the state is anticipating that those applications will not be awarded until September 2020, and only 75 dispensary licenses will be awarded from those 700 applications. That's the first round. So just an update on that. We had a police incident, we had a rally to come in our community, every protest in the city Kankakee has been peaceful. This one was organized by I think a 10 year old student. Chief has been great, you know, our position is that if people want to protest we're going to support them and empower them. As long as they're being respectful and not damaging property we provide that support. We did have an incident, several people have called my office today, and people contacted me over the weekend regarding an interaction that occurred with a Sargent on our police force. So, I'll just say at this time to the community that we are taking that very seriously and it is being addressed. Pete covered the grass clippings, please don't clog the drains with the grass. Barbie, you covered the census. The homeless we've already addressed that we had a staff department meeting last week, I think Wednesday we discussed this issue I called Alison Beasley today,

who's over the events partnership and she told me that this weekend went much better. The previous Friday for the Friday night concert there was a big issue with a homeless gentleman that was being aggressive and not cooperating. But she did report to me today that this past Friday went very well, and they were several officers who patrol, they were coming over about every 30 minutes to an hour to check in on everybody so I just wanted to let you know that. There was a misprint in the miscommunication about the fireworks, the park district did not pay for our police to work overtime, our police were paid from the funds that were raised. I knew that when Dana contacted the Chief and me. I told her that the city council had voted against expending funds for fireworks and so she was prepared to make sure those funds were raised. So, I want to thank the daily journal for making the correction in the newspaper, because the park district did not spend any money on police labor. And then finally, Elizabeth I can't thank you enough. We've had four drafts of the budgets we've given a lot of opportunity for people to give input on this budget, and I've given weekly updates regarding the budget and other matters and we worked hard on this, me you and Burt and everybody else that gave input, our department heads. So, I just want to thank everybody for coming together to work on that. And hopefully we will get a budget passed soon. That's all that I have. May I have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT

ALD BROWN: So move

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. All in favor, aye?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? We are adjourned.